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Engineering Heritage Sydney (EHS) – new website

Most will be familiar with Engineering Heritage Western Australia's (EHWA's) excellent website <http://ehwa.wikidot.com/>, with its fount of information about that state's engineering heritage.

Now, with the generous help of Mike Taylor and his team at EHWA, and with assistance from Bob Taffe of Engineering Heritage Tasmania, EHS is developing a website to cover the committee activities of Sydney, Newcastle and the ACT. The committee is Eamonn Madden, Frank Johnson, Doug Jenkins, and William (Bill) Phippen;

The new website is being cloned from the EHWA site and is intended to go live in two stages:

- Stage 1 (expected to be uploaded by end of 2021/early 2022) is to include: Home Page; Function Statement; NSW engineering History and Timeline; All Engineering Heritage sites included on the EA Australian Heritage Engineering Register for the three divisions; Events calendars; Knowledge section (including Heritage Engineering section and Heritage Engineering Education links); Heritage walks; and as a Special Project: Sydney Harbour Bridge History Timeline and lead up to centenary.
- Stage 2 (expected to be uploaded by mid- 2022): is to include refining (as required), the supporting documents for the Engineering Heritage Sites included in Stage 1; further heritage walks and NSW and ACT drive maps; and Completion of Eminent and Influential Engineers section. Further work on the Heritage Engineering and Education sections and the Sydney Harbour Bridge special project; and the addition of cross links to other relevant organisations and websites.

The contact for the project is: Eamonn Madden at eamonn.madden@partridge.com.au

Queensland Heritage Council

Nominations are being called for appointments to the Queensland Heritage Council. Six positions on the council will become vacant on 31 December this year, as per the requirements of the Heritage Act, with a seventh position being vacated through the resignation of a current member.

Australian Railway Historical Society - collection going on-line

The Australian Railway Historical Society has a long and proud association with Engineers Australia and there is much of common interest between the two organisations.

ARHS has a large archive of engineering drawings, photographs, documents and books pertaining to railways in Australia - particularly in NSW, and provides a research service for heritage professionals and enthusiastic amateurs alike. And, it will soon be launching an online portal to make some of its collection available online.

Any questions about the online portal, about ARHS, or about joining the Society, should be sent to James Dalton, the Archives Manager at James.dalton@arhsnsw.com.au

Heritage News

Those in the relevant states will be aware that their heritage councils/departments, produce a newsletter to inform of activities, initiatives and so on. These are a useful source of not only information, but of ideas.

Tasmania

Tasmania's eNews is at <https://heritage.tas.gov.au/news>

Victoria

Victoria's Heritage News is on its website at <https://heritagecouncil.vic.gov.au/get-involved/heritage-news/>

South Australia

South Australia's Heritage News is at <https://www.environment.sa.gov.au/topics/heritage/about-us/heritage-news-events>

Western Australia

Western Australia's Heritage News is at <https://www.dplh.wa.gov.au/about/the-department/news,-events-and-public-engagement/news-and-events>

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